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Designating March 8, 2011, as "International Women's Day".

WHEREAS, The theme for this year is "Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women"; and

WHEREAS, For the women of the world the Day's symbolism is an occasion to review how far they have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development; and

WHEREAS, In too many countries and societies, women remain second-class citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, In the words of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon,
2 "Where women are educated and empowered, economies are more
3 productive and strong. Where women are fully represented,
4 societies are more peaceful and stable."; and

5 WHEREAS, According to Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of
6 UN Women and former President of Chile, "Women's strength, women's
7 industry, women's wisdom are humankind's greatest untapped
8 resources. The Challenge is to show how this resource can be
9 effectively tapped in ways that benefit us all."; and

10 WHEREAS, This challenge exists in West Virginia as it does
11 throughout the country and the world; therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the House of Delegates:*

13 That the House of Delegates hereby designates March 8, 2011,
14 as "International Women's Day"; and, be it

15 *Further Resolved,* That the House of Delegates acknowledges the
16 many important contributions women make to the state of West
17 Virginia and across the world.